

H.R. 745: Mr. KILPATRICK and Mr. INSLEE.
H.R. 750: Mr. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. INSLEE, and Mr. MCINNIS.

H.J. Res. 21: Mr. SWEENEY.
H. Con. Res. 8: Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. DANNER, Mr. GOSS, Mr. MALONEY of New York, and Mrs. LOWEY.

H. Con. Res. 10: Mr. RILEY.

H. Con. Res. 16: Mr. GOODLING and Mr. MICA.

H. Con. Res. 21: Mr. BILBRAY and Mr. BORSKI.

H. Con. Res. 22: Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. FORBES, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. WELLER, Mr. ROTHAM, and Mr. KING of New York.

H. Con. Res. 24: Mr. SOUDER, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. HAYES, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. BAKER, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. BASS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. SKELTON, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. McCOLLUM, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. PORTER, Mr. SNYDER, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. WU, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. GILMAN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MOORE, Mr. KOLBE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LATOURETTE, and Mrs. ROUKEMA.

H. Con. Res. 29: Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. KASICH, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. DANNER, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. OXLEY.

H. Con. Res. 30: Mr. COOKSEY, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. GOODE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. STUMP, Mr. SCHAEFFER, Mr. HILL of Montana, Mr. LINDER, and Mr. GUTKNECHT.

H. Con. Res. 32: Mr. FOSSELLA and Mr. FROST.

H. Con. Res. 33: Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. CARSON, Mr. DIXON, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

H. Res. 41: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. DANNER, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. FORD, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. REYES, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

1. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, relative to Resolution No. 697-98 commending the members of Congress from coastal states for pursuing legislation to share a portion of outer continental shelf revenue with all states and territories, commending the outer continental shelf policy committee for its recommendations, and urging the United States Congress to pass legislation sharing a meaningful portion of outer continental shelf mineral revenue with all states and territories and land-based recreation and wildlife conservation and restoration; which was referred to the Committee on Resources.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

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OFFERED BY: Mr. KUCINICH

AMENDMENT NO. 1: Page 5, after line 22, insert the following:

(5) establishes that the policies and procedures of the agency shall provide that in a case in which an applicant has submitted an application for Federal financial assistance to the agency that includes a technical error—

(A) the applicant shall be notified promptly of the error and permitted to submit the appropriate information to correct the error within 7 days of receipt of notice by the applicant of the error;

(B) the application shall continue to be considered by the agency during the period before the applicant is notified and the 7-day period during which the applicant is permitted to correct the error; and

(C) if the applicant corrects the error within the 7-day period, the agency shall continue to consider the application;

Page 5, line 23, strike “(5)” and insert “(6)”.

Page 6, line 3, strike “(6)” and insert “(7)”.

Page 6, line 7, strike “(7)” and insert “(8)”.

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OFFERED BY: Mr. TRAFICANT

AMENDMENT NO. 2: Page 11, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 12. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

It is the sense of Congress that Federal agencies, in providing Federal financial assistance for the purpose of economic development, should focus primarily on communities with high poverty and unemployment rates.

H.R. 436

OFFERED BY: Mr. HORN

(Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute)

AMENDMENT NO. 1: Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Government Waste, Fraud, and Error Reduction Act of 1999”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Purposes.

Sec. 3. Definition.

Sec. 4. Application of Act.

TITLE I—GENERAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

Sec. 101. Improving financial management.

Sec. 102. Improving travel management.

TITLE II—IMPROVING FEDERAL DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES

Sec. 201. Miscellaneous corrections to subchapter II of chapter 37 of title 31, United States Code.

Sec. 202. Barring delinquent Federal debtors from obtaining Federal benefits.

Sec. 203. Collection and compromise of nontax debts and claims.

TITLE III—SALE OF NONTAX DEBTS OWED TO UNITED STATES

Sec. 301. Authority to sell nontax debts.

Sec. 302. Requirement to sell certain nontax debts.

TITLE IV—TREATMENT OF HIGH VALUE NONTAX DEBTS

Sec. 401. Annual report on high value nontax debts.

Sec. 402. Review by Inspectors General.

Sec. 403. Requirement to seek seizure and forfeiture of assets securing high value nontax debt.

TITLE V—FEDERAL PAYMENTS

Sec. 501. Transfer of responsibility to Secretary of the Treasury with respect to prompt payment.

Sec. 502. Promoting electronic payments.

Sec. 503. Debt services account.

SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Act are the following:

(1) To reduce waste, fraud, and error in Federal benefit programs.

(2) To focus Federal agency management attention on high-risk programs.

(3) To better collect debts owed to the United States.

(4) To improve Federal payment systems.

(5) To improve reporting on Government operations.

SEC. 3. DEFINITION.

As used in this Act, the term “nontax debt” means any debt (within the meaning of that term as used in chapter 37 of title 31, United States Code) other than a debt under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the Tariff Act of 1930.

SEC. 4. APPLICATION OF ACT.

No provision of this Act shall apply to the Department of the Treasury or the Internal Revenue Service to the extent that such provision—

(1) involves the administration of the internal revenue laws; or

(2) conflicts with the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the Tariff Act of 1930.

TITLE I—GENERAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

SEC. 101. IMPROVING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.

Section 3515 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “1997” and inserting “2000”; and

(B) by inserting “Congress and” after “submit to”; and

(2) by striking subsections (e), (f), (g), and (h).

SEC. 102. IMPROVING TRAVEL MANAGEMENT.

(a) LIMITED EXCLUSION FROM REQUIREMENT REGARDING OCCUPATION OF QUARTERS.—Section 5911(e) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: “The preceding sentence shall not apply with respect to lodging provided under chapter 57 of this title.”.

(b) USE OF TRAVEL MANAGEMENT CENTERS, AGENTS, AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENT SYSTEMS.—

(1) REQUIREMENT TO ENCOURAGE USE.—The head of each executive agency shall, with respect to travel by employees of the agency in the performance of the employment duties by the employee, require, to the extent practicable, the use by such employees of travel management centers, travel agents authorized for use by such employees, and electronic reservation and payment systems for the purpose of improving efficiency and economy regarding travel by employees of the agency.

(2) PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—(A) The Administrator of General Services shall develop a plan regarding the implementation of this subsection and shall, after consultation with the heads of executive agencies, submit to Congress a report describing such plan and the means by which such agency heads plan to ensure that employees use travel management centers, travel agents, and electronic reservation and payment systems as required by this subsection.

(B) The Administrator shall submit the plan required under subparagraph (A) not later than March 31, 2000.

(c) PAYMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES ON TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of General Services shall develop a mechanism to ensure that employees of executive agencies are not inappropriately charged State